

Health Care

SB2951 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY.

Amends title of administrative officer and eliminates Radiologic Technology Board's supervision thereof. Expands penalties for violations to include maximum \$2000 fine. Requires board to report to legislature on issue of fines and guidelines therefor.

Addressing Long-Term Care

SB2929 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT.

Changes the effective start date of the revised reimbursement methodology for long-term care services from 7/1/03 to 7/1/08. Eliminates the "sunset" provision of the original act to enable the new reimbursement methodology to continue.

Encouraging Healthy Lifestyles

HB2472 HD2 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE SALE OF STERILE SYRINGES FOR THE PREVENTION OF DISEASE.

Repeals the sunset date of Act 292, session laws of 2001 and makes the sale of syringes by qualified individuals to prevent the transmission of deadly blood borne diseases permanent.

HB2871 HD2 SD1

RELATING TO TOBACCO.

Prohibits the use of tobacco by public employees in public schools and at public school functions: Provides that affected public employees shall be provided breaks for smoking at locations off-campus. Requires DOE to offer a smoking cessation program to interested employees.

Improving Health Insurance Options

HB2411 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

Updates, streamlines, and conforms insurance laws to the requirements of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley and Producers License Model Acts. Exempts health insurance policies for self-employed persons from mandatory coverage requirements.

SB3237 SD1 HD1

RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

Amends the Hawaii Rx prescription drug discount program based on the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on the Maine Rx program. Amendments to the measure include the Governor's initiatives originally introduced in HB 2460 and SB 2935: streamlining the eligibility criteria, maximizing drug discounts by minimizing the government's costs to operate the program, insisting the drugs on the Hawaii Rx preferred drug list are safe and efficacious, protecting Medicaid patients' access to drugs, preventing employees from losing employer-sponsored insurance, and protecting pharmacies from transaction fees in order to encourage their participation in Hawaii Rx.

Promoting a Healthier Hawai'i

HB1828 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO PUBLIC ORDER.

Creates the offense of urinating or defecating in public in the downtown business area. This newly created offense is punishable with up to 40 hours community service or a fine up to \$200.

HB2198 HD1

RELATING TO SCHOOL HEALTH.

Requires the Department of Education to permit the self-administration of medication by a student who has asthma. Allows a student to carry an inhaler or auto-injectable epinephrine, when they have a doctor's certificate and written authorization from a parent or guardian.

SB1362 SD3 HD2**RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH**

Expands the Department of Health's authority to obtain criminal history record checks of employees, potential employees, and contractors providing mental health services to both adolescent and adult patients. Also provides for the establishment of a "Community Plan for Mental Health Services" and permits consolidation of the mental health service boards on Oahu.

SB2577 SD1 HD2**RELATING TO PEER REVIEW.**

Shields from discovery in court proceedings certain data and information compiled and submitted by a medical provider to a peer review committee of a hospital or medical facility to allow full discussion of medical errors.

SB2899 SD2**RELATING TO NURSES.**

Clarifies licensure, renewal, and reporting requirements. Repeals obsolete provisions. Requires Board of Nursing to report on findings regarding CGFNS and English proficiency examinations and their effect on nurse shortage and licensure.

SB2899 SD2 HD1**RELATING TO NURSES.**

Allows the Nursing Board to require nurses who have not actively been nursing for five years to pass a licensing exam. Also requires graduates of foreign nursing programs to prove proficiency in English.

SB2926 SD1 HD2 CD1**RELATING TO THE HOUSING LOAN AND MORTGAGE PROGRAMS.**

Increases the bond authorization amount under the Hula Mae Multi-Family Housing Program from \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000 to facilitate the development or rehabilitation of affordable rental housing projects.

SB2948 SD2 HD1 CD1**RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES.**

Establishes the public health nursing services program and sets forth the roles and functions of the program in the delivery of direct clinical nursing services.

SB2950 SD1**RELATING TO GENERIC SUBSTITUTION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCTS.**

This measure makes United States Food and Drug Administration approved, therapeutically equivalent generic drug products, substitutable as generic drugs for use in Hawaii upon approval by the Director of Health.

SB3135 SD1 HD1 CD1**RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST ST. FRANCIS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF HAWAII AND ITS AFFILIATES.**

Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii to finance the construction and renovation of their facilities as well as purchase updated equipment.

SB3222 SD2 HD2**RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE.**

Adds naturopathy to the personal injury protection benefits provided in a motor vehicle insurance policy. Imposes the same limitations on naturopathy benefits as currently apply to chiropractic and acupuncture treatment.
